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In re the Application

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For: A SHEET MATERIAL FOR FORMING APPLICATIONS, METAL CONTAINER MADE FROM SUCH A SHEET MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAID SHEET MATERIAL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. These references were cited in US application number 10/545,800 to Spaans et al. cited in an obviousness-type double patenting rejection during prosecution of the present application.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104.

Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom. Submitted via credit card is the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee for submitting an Information Disclosure Statement after the first Office Action but before Final Rejection pursuant to Rule 97(c)(1) and (2) and Rule 17(p).

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